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SUBJECT: W/W: FIFTH CONSULAR VISIT TO FRANCIS
JAY CRAWFORD

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1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR WAS GRANTED FIFTH CONSULAR
VISIT TO CRAWFORD AFTERNOON OF JUNE 22, AS
REQUESTED. REQUESTS FOR VISIT BY HIS TEMPORARY
REPLACEMENT, BRIAN REARDON, AND SECOND VISIT BY
FIANCEE REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. PRIOR TO CRAWFORD'S ENTRY INTO INTERVIEW
ROOM, MAJOR BELYAYEV TOOK EXCEPTION TO COUNSELOR'S
ALLEGED ADVICE TO CRAWFORD NOT TO "COOPERATE"
WITH INVESTIGATION. BELYAYEV REPEATED THAT
"COOPERATION" BY CRAWFORD WOULD HAVE POSITIVE
INFLUENCE ON HIS SENTENCE. CONSULAR COUNSELOR
RETORTED HE HAD NOT ADVISED CRAWFORD NOT TO
COOPERATE BUT ONLY THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE
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IN CRAWFORD'S INTEREST TO ADMIT TO ANY CHARGES
THAT WERE NOT TRUE.

3. BELYAYEV HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD CRAWFORD THAT HE
EXPECTED THE INVESTIGATION TO TAKE ABOUT TWO
MONTHS, BUT THAT IT WOULD TAKE UP TO NINE MONTHS
IN THE EVENT OF COMPLICATIONS.

4. REGARDING INTERROGATION, CRAWFORD STATED THAT MAJOR BELYAYEV NOTIFIED HIM JUNE 21 THAT HE HAS BEEN INDICTED UNDER PARA ONE OF ARTICLE 88 OF RSFSR CRIMINAL CODE FOR SYSTEMATIC PURCHASE OF RUBLES FROM SOVIET CITIZENS FOR HARD CURRENCY, 1976 - 1978. ONLY SPECIFIC CHARGE THUS FAR HAS BEEN THAT HE ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED 1500 RUBLES FROM LUSYA IN MARCH 1978 FOR U.S. \$700. LUSYA AND VOLODYA ALLEGEDLY PASSED DOLLARS TO AFGHANIS AND POSSIBLY TO OTHERS. CRAWFORD CALEGORICALLY DENIED CHARGE, MAINTAINED HIS COMPLETE INNOCENCE AND REITERATING THAT HE NEVER PURCHASED RUBLES FROM ANY SOVIET CITIZENS. CRAWFORD AGAIN POINTED OUT HE HAD NO USE FOR SUCH RUBLES, SINCE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER PAID ALL HIS EXPENSES IN HARD CURRENCY.

5. MAJOR BELYAYEV'S INTERROGATION OF CRAWFORD MORNING JUNE 22 REPORTEDLY FNEO ON A GIRL (WHOSE NAME CRAWFORD CAN'T REMEMBER) INTRODUCED TO CRAWFORD BY MARK WEBER, TEMPORARY I-H SUMMER EMPLOYEE IN 1976. WEBER ASKED CRAWFORD TO COLLECT 50 RUBLES OWED TO HIM BY GIRL, SELL LEVI JACKET HE LEFT WITH HER AND FORWARD PROCEEDS TO WEBER. CRAWFORD STATED HE DID NOT DO SO AND AFTER TWO OR THREE VISITS IN UNSUCCESSFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPTS BY HER TO OBTAIN AMERICAN CIGARETTES AND DOLLARS FROM CRAWFORD, HE STOPPED SEEING HER UNTIL CHANCE MEETING ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN THEY CROSSED IN LOBBY OF INTOURIST HOTEL WHILE IEFORD WITH VISITOR FROM I-H HEADQUARTERS. SHE INFORMED CRAWFORD SHE HAD HAD OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS AND EACH WENT SEPARATE WAY. MATLOCK

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